

fessor Mitchell and Father Terry, Father Secchi and Rev. T. W. Webb are the best of friends. Anything which can bring men together as friends is lifting humanity to a higher plane."

In 1893, Mr. Elvins was honoured for his services to the science and to the Society by being tendered a life membership in the Astronomical and Physical Society of Toronto. I believe it will readily be conceded that no other member, past or present, of our Society has contributed one-half as many papers to its proceedings as has our venerable friend who, we are pleased to say, is still, at the age of nearly ninety-four years, living among us with a considerable maintenance of intellectual vigour and occasional flashes of the old-time fire.

The singular beauty of his spirit is manifested in a letter written on one occasion to one of our Past Presidents. He closed this letter as follows:—

"If there be no meeting past the grave,
If all is silence,—darkness,—yet 'tis rest;
Be not afraid, ye waiting hearts that weep,
For God still giveth His beloved sleep,
And if an endless sleep, He wills,—so best."

"I can conceive," he adds, "no happier state in which to live, or in which to die, than that which leads us to say 'Not as I will, but as Thou wilt.'"

Daniel K. Winder, being opposed to war under all circumstances, was not comfortable in his Cleveland home when civil war broke out in the United States in 1861. He came to Toronto and, being of the same religious persuasion as Mr. Elvins, and a former lecturer on Astronomy in a United States College, he was attracted to the little group of friends who loved the stars. Being at that time the most thorough astronomer of the group, he was at once accorded a prominent place. While he earned his livelihood as a printer and Mr. Elvins was in the clothing business, they together constructed a telescope out of the crudest materials. This was in 1868. Sometimes he preached. He was a kindly and sanguine person and very popular. After the war was over, he returned to Detroit and, later (1891) became a corresponding member of the Society. He died in Detroit in 1898.